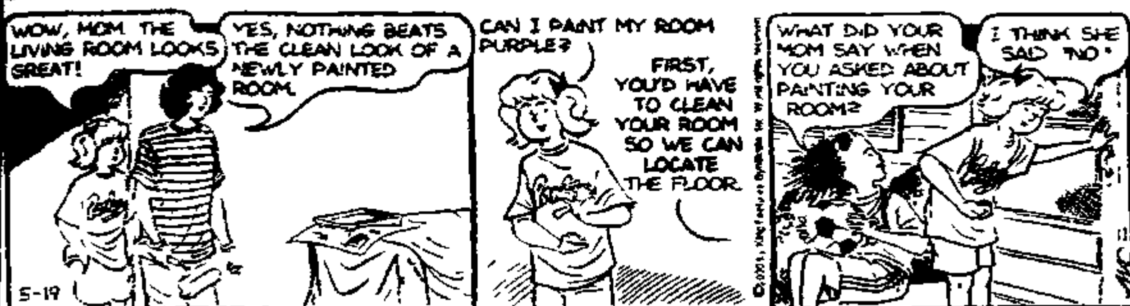
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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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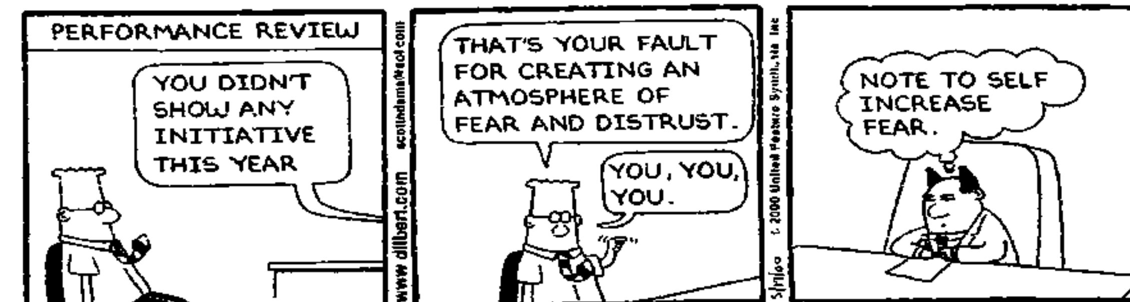
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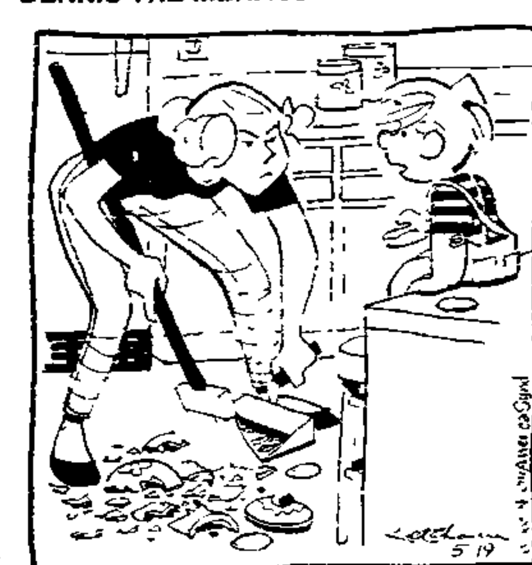
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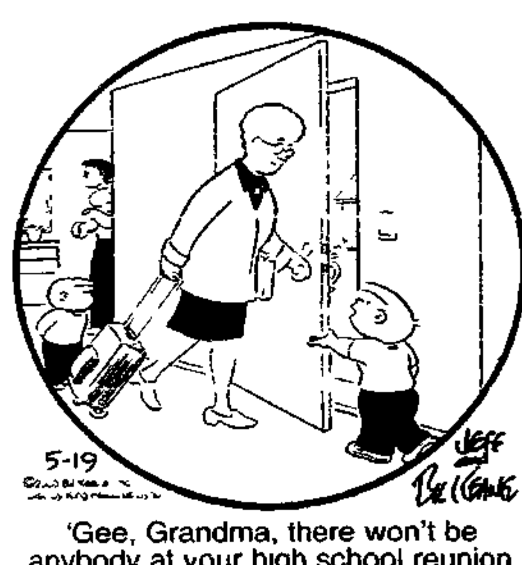


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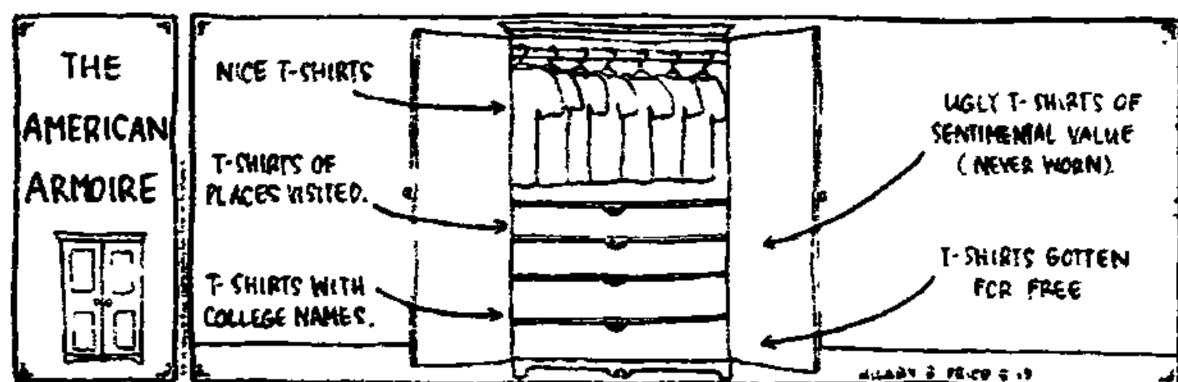
"HOW LONG IS IT GONNA BE BEFORE WE CAN LOOK BACK ON THIS AND LAUGH?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



'Gee, Grandma, there won't be anybody at your high school reunion but a bunch of OLD people!"

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"Boy, I'd hate to meet the guy with this DNA in a dark alley!"

Today's Birthdays

PBS newscaster **Jim Lehrer** is 66. TV personality **David Hartman** is 65. Actor **James Fox** is 61. Actress **Nancy Kwan** is 61. Singer-songwriter **Mickey Newbury** is 60. Rock singer-composer **Pete Townshend** (The Who) is 55. Rock musician **Phil Rudd** (AC-DC) is 54. Concert pianist **David Helfgott** is 53. Rock singer-musician **Dusty Hill** (ZZ Top) is 51. Singer-Actress **Grace Jones** is 48.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

I₁ R₁ T₁ R₁ B₃ A₁ E₁ — Triple — RACK 1

U₁ C₃ I₁ V₄ D₂ T₁ A₁ — RACK 2

P₃ P₃ R₁ E₁ L₁ X₈ E₁ — Double Word Score — RACK 3

E₁ I₁ M₃ X₈ L₁ C₃ A₁ — 3rd Letter Double — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 190-200

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

5-19-00

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, May 20

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You feel like everything is new and untouched by human hands

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your financial outlook appears rather bleak as the moon prepares to leave the house of Sagittarius

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need a partner in crime to have any fun

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take time to care for yourself. You deserve a break!

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Romance is in the air as the moon prepares to leave the house of Sagittarius

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You feel like you are moving in slow motion

LIBRA (Sept 23 to Oct 22) Take time to enjoy the beauty of the simpler things in life

SCORPIO (Oct 23 to Nov 21) The Sagittarius moon tries to get you to buy things you don't need

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 to Dec 21) Your mood lightens as the moon moves through your house

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 to Jan 19) There's a big difference between reality and fantasy but you aren't sure where the line is

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 to Feb 18) You can expand your mind very easily

PISCES (Feb 19 to March 20) Make sure you are aware of what's going on around you at all times. Remember to look both ways before crossing the street

WORD SLEUTH

EDUCATORS

F	F	D	B	Y	W	U	R	S	Q	O	R	R	N	M
K	C	I	F	D	B	Z	O	X	W	U	E	O	A	S
Q	O	O	N	L	J	H	T	F	D	T	H	T	E	C
L	U	G	O	V	E	R	N	E	S	S	C	C	D	A
E	N	Y	W	V	T	S	E	A	Q	P	A	U	U	N
C	S	C	H	O	O	L	M	A	S	T	E	R	C	L
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R	O	T	U	T	R	Q	P	N	M	L	H	J	I	H

Thursday's unlisted clue: BULL'S-EYE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: SPORTS TEACHER

Counselor, Dean, Educator, Governess, Headmaster, Instructor, Lecturer, Mentor, Preceptor, Principal, Prof, Schoolmarm, Schoolmaster, Teacher, Tutor

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took West's heart jack with his ace and drew all four of East's trumps. Hoping to find the club ace with West, South led a club to dummy's queen, ducked bravely by East. South overtook dummy's diamond queen with his ace to lead another club, but this time East took dummy's king and returned a heart. With only one entry left to dummy, South's chances evaporated, and he went down two on a slam many would make. Note that East's duck in clubs was a vital play. Had he won his ace immediately to return a heart, South would have succeeded. He wins the heart, cashes dummy's club king, and ruffs a club to establish the suit. He reaches dummy in diamonds to cash two clubs, and he loses a trick to only the club ace. How to counter East's defense? Instead of drawing trumps, South should lead a club at trick two. If East ducks, South leads a trump to his nine to lead another club. East takes dummy's king and switches to hearts, but South wins and crosses to dummy's trump king to ruff a club. Fortunately, clubs split 3-3, and South can draw trumps and discard his heart losers on dummy's clubs

NORTH
♠ K 6 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q
♣ K Q 7 6 3

WEST
♠ 4
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 10 7 5 4 3
♣ J 9 5

EAST
♠ 8 7 3 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ A 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9
♥ A K 6 2
♦ A J
♣ 8 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

The bidding

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Heart jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Mideast V.I.P.
10 Green gimme
15 Dapple
16 Province of Italy
17 Subject in a Rembrandt painting
18 Language group that includes Xhosa
19 King's place
20 It holds the line
21 "Inside the Third Reich" author
22 Letter in runes
23 Fruit named for a city in Turkey
25 Starch source
26 ___ anemone
27 Essence
29 Ltr. addendum
30 Attack
32 Butler's quarters?
33 Columbian starter
34 Decathlon event
37 Shampooing problem
39 Is multiplied?
40 Twain's "___ Diary"
42 You can't do it alone
43 Something to snoot for
44 Editor's concern
45 Snare
46 Ottoman title
48 Way down, perhaps
50 Standard setting at 0° long
53 Required things
55 Dram
56 Harp, for one
57 Modern memoranda
58 Mesmerized
60 Busted loose
61 Source of rare metals, maybe
62 Wound up
63 Flower that's a symbol of purity

DOWN
1 Duck
2 Ran fast, to Brits
3 Spenser portrayer
4 Floppy
5 Play favorites?
6 Early mails
7 Hotel posting
8 Minimally
9 Freight carrier at sea
10 Some like them hot
11 Go with the flow
12 Luau serving
13 Gloss
14 Personality disorders
23 Butcher's offering
24 Kirlian photography image
26 Scottish arctic explorer
28 "Animal House" director
30 Service station employee
31 Got an earful, in a way
34 Kind of lantern
35 Pulitzer winner for "Symphony No. 3"
36 When to have better luck?
38 Hit man
41 Not clean
45 Humperdinck heroine
47 Adriatic feeder
49 Storming
50 Wish granters of myth
51 Shakers and others
52 Apples and oranges
54 Runners carry it
56 In the raw
59 Lineup

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	■	10	11	12	13	14
15									■	16				
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19				■	20				■	21				
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39			■	40			41	■	■	42				■
43			■	44				■	45			■	■	■
46			47	■	48			49			■	50	51	52
53				54	■	55				■	56			
57					■	58				59				
60					■	61								
62					■	63								

Puzzle by Richard Silvestri

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

R	O	M	P	■	T	U	B	A	S	■	C	H	I	C
U	N	T	O	■	I	N	E	R	T	■	O	A	T	H
N	E	W	S	■	N	O	L	T	E	■	U	R	S	A
I	N	T	E	N	D	■	■	F	R	O	G	M	A	N
N	O	F	R	E	E	L	A	U	N	C	H	■	■	■
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E	M	M	A	■	B	O	O	■	O	L	D	I	E	S
B	E	A	T	T	O	T	H	E	P	A	U	N	C	H
B	O	L	L	I	X	■	A	C	E	■	P	O	K	E
S	W	E	E	T	■	S	O	U	N	D	■	■	■	■
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